

Bilayer Resist Solutions for Sub 100nm Device Production

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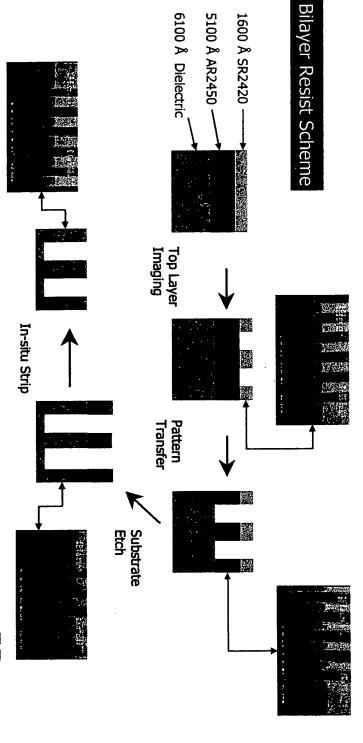
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- Ultra thin imaging has potential for
- Improved resolution
- Process window
- ➤ Reduced Pattern Collapse

- UTR will need an alternate etch scheme
- ➤ Hardmask
- ➤ Bilayer
- ➤ Trilayer





Why Use a Si Bilayer Resist Approach?



- **ULTRA THIN RESIST**
- Improved Resolution
- Larger Process Window
- Reduced Pattern Collapse
- KrF and ArF Options
- UNDERLAYER



Post Underlayer Etch ASML/700 0.70 NA OAI, PSM 110 nm 1:1







- Superior Etch Resistance
- Similar Etch Processes for KrF and ArF
- Reflection Control
- Planarization

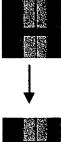
ASML/300 0.63 NA, 6% PSM 130 nm 1:1 Features:

- **DUAL DAMASCENE LITHOGRAPHY**
- Planarization and Reflection Control Thick Underlayer for Optimum
- Barrier to Resist Poisoning
- Via Fill
- Planarization over complex

topographies



Coat









Underlayer

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Dielectric

SiN Etch Stop

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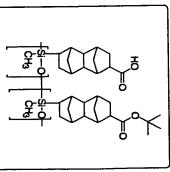
Bilayer Resists – Silicon Polymer Approaches

Pendent Silicon

- Cornell IBM
- ARCH

(H₃C)₃Si H₃C-

➤ Siloxane



UT Austin

Silsesquioxane

• ASET
• Shin-Etsu

HitachiIBM

(H₃C)₃SiO⁻

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-CH3

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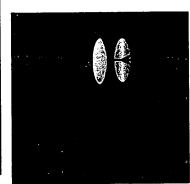
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Silicon Outgassing



a major issue for the adoption of bilayer technology across all > Contamination of the optics with silicon has been identified as wavelengths

important > The method of incorporating silicon into the imaging layer is



Hien et al, SPIE 2001, Proof Plate Analysis @ 157 nm

		Resist	Resist	Proof-plate	Proof-plate
	Type	[weight%]	[weight%]	atom%	atom%]
		Si-content	F-content	Si-content	F-content
	PFA, CF ₃ side chain		30		4
	PFASO ₂ , CF3 side				
	chain		26		7
	Fluoropolymer		43		4
	Fluoropolymer		36		2
	Si main chain	16	20	0.4	10
	Si main chain	12		0.6	
L	Polydimethylsiloxane	38		<0.2	
	CH ₂ SiMe ₃ side chain	12		3	
Ţ	CH ₂ SiMe ₃ side chain	8		6	

Table 3: XPS outgassing data for different polymers (OFI-ROM test)

Stefan Hien, Steve Angood, Domininc Ashworth, Steve Basset, Theodore Bloomstein, Kim Dean, Roderick R. Kunz, Daniel Miller, Shashikant Patel and Georgia Rich, Proceedings of SPIE Vol. 4345, 439, 2001.

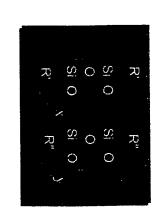




Silsesquioxane Advantages

Silsesquioxane (SSQ)

- Silicon Integrated with Backbone
- Structure
- No Pendant Si Groups
- Very Stable Polymer
- High Silicon Content for Improved Etch
- No Outgassing of Si Species
- Only Carbon Species Observed



SSQ Composition Study

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1.30	14.93	25.92	56.28	0.09	Wt%	າposition
0.05	0.11	0.06	0.10	0.06	Stdev	

SSQ Resist Outgassing Study

>99.9%	5.00E+12	42
	mol/cm2-sec	mJ/cm2
C4H8	Rate	Dose

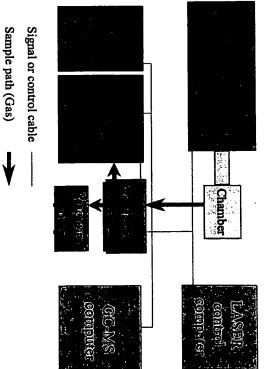
No Silicon Species





when exposing a material to laser radiation. Outgassing system developed to measure the amount of volatile compounds released







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Decamethyltetrasiloxane

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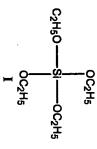
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Model Silicon Compounds for Outgassing Calibration





H₃C- $\frac{C}{H_3}$

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H₃C-

Tetraethylorthosilicate

Hexamethldisiloxane

Octamethyltrisiloxane

(H₃C)₃SiO-si—osi(cH₃)₃ osi(CH₃)₃ ĭ

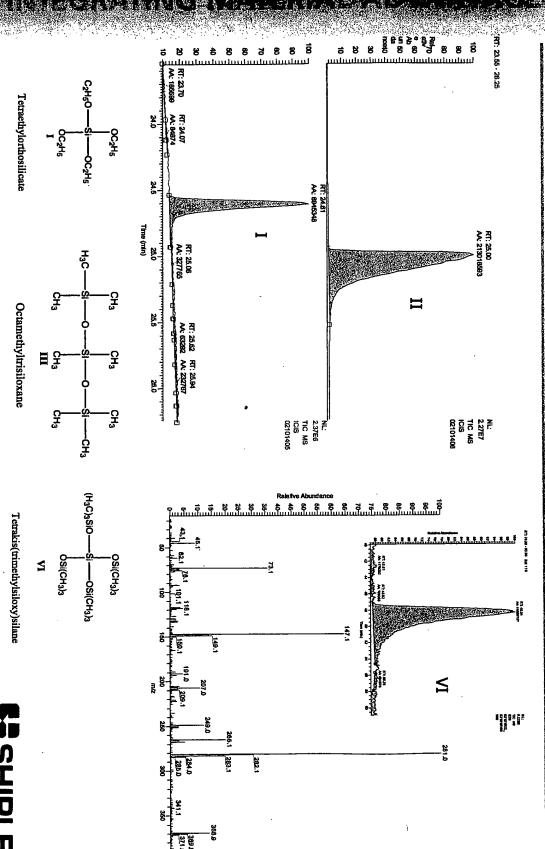
Decamethylcyclopentasiloxane

Tetrakis(trimethylsiloxy)silane

Increasing Size





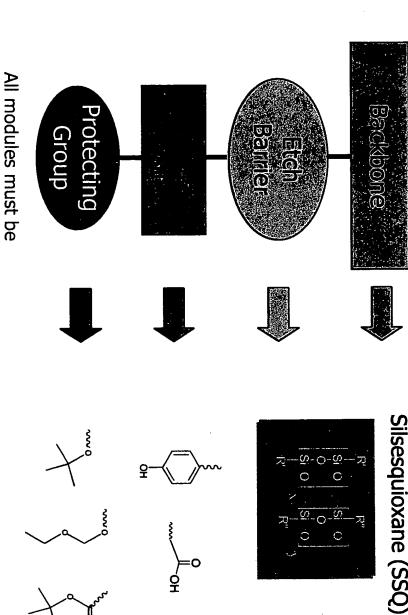


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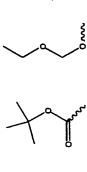
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wavelength





Silsesquioxane (SSQ)



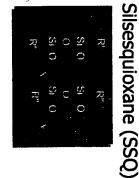
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Resist Layer: 248 Bilayer Outgassing Results



- Silsesquioxane Polymer Approach Advantages
- > Silicon Integrated with Backbone Structure
- ➤ No Pendant Si Groups
- ➤ Very Stable Polymer



- No Outgassing of Si Species
- Only Carbon Species From Protecting Group Observed

Results for Outgassing Studies of XP2762A Bilayer Imaging Resist

0.007%	>99.9%	7.E+12	200		
	>99.9%	5.E+12	42	Dry N2	XP2762A
		mol/cm ² -sec	mJ/cm²		
C ₈ H ₁₆ Compound	Isobutene	Rate	Dose	Ambient	Resist

Method: Flood exposure of 10 cm² area on coated wafer; GC-MS Analysis of concentrated headspace Note: Typical Outgassing Rate of Volatile Organics from DUV Resists is 1011 to 1012 molecules/cm2-sec

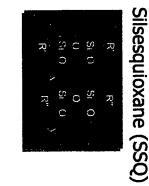


193nm Bilayer Outgassing Results: XP1646 vs UV6



Silsesquioxane Polymer Approach - Advantages

- Silicon Integrated with Backbone StructureNo Pendant Si Groups
- High Si Content
- No Outgassing of Si Species
- Only Carbon Species From Protecting Group and PAG Observed



Laser Outgassing	ssing	Exposed area (cm2):	19.8	19.8 Datafile	
				XP1646	
				Bilayer 0.46	UV-6 0.46
				ő	mJ/cm2/pulse
193 nm	Molecules/cm2	Chamber Volume (ml):	2000		9 mJ/cm2
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Ret Time	Compound		lons	430	430
	10.07 aldehyde	Photoresist	29,43	4.96E+10	3.03E+11
1.	11.06 Isobutene	Photoresist	TIC	2.01E+14	3.31E+13
1:	12.61 Acetone	Photoresist	43,58	6.63E+10	7.28E+11
19	19.62 Aromatic	PAG	91		7.54E+10
10	10.85 Isobutane	Photoresist	39,41,43	3.49E+11	5.64E+11
1;	13.59 2-Propanol, 2-methyl-	Photoresist	29-72	1.58E+12	1.90E+12
1.	4.94 Aromatic	Photoresist	TIC	1.01E+14	
7.	15.12 Aromatic	PAG	96,70,50,39	4.00E+12	
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		Total outgassing rate (mol/cm2/sec)	ol/cm2/sec)	5.13E+11	6.10E+10
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Oxide Etch Rate

% Relative to UV6

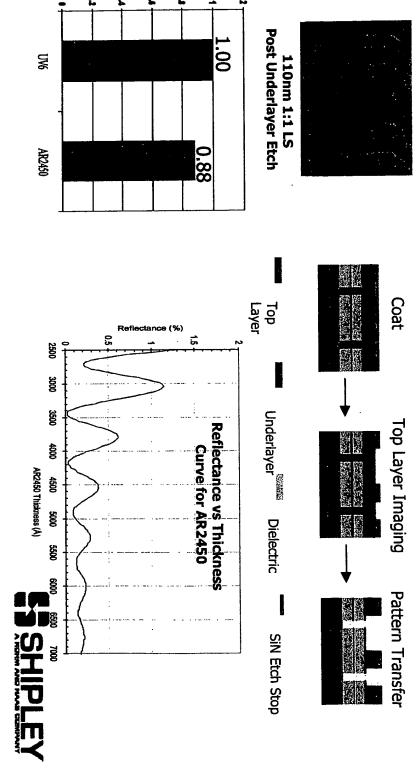
Components and Performance Attributes





- Underlayer Components: Etch Resistant Polymer
- Absorbing Polymeric Dye
- Thermal Acid Generator
- Crosslinker

- Underlayer Performance Attributes:
- Pattern Transfer Fidelity
- Etch Resistance
- Reflection Control
- Planarization Via Fill





Shipley Bilayer Resist Chemistry: Underlayer Via Fill Study





Via Size

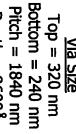
Depth = 7800^{8} Pitch = 360 nmBottom = 0 nm Top = 140 nm



Pitch = 340 nm Depth = 9060Å

Initial Coat Thickness = 5400Å

Pitch = 1840 nm Depth = 9600Å



Bottom = 490 nm Pitch = 1200 nm Depth = 9740Å Top = 670 nmVia Size



Final FT = 3340Å

Final FT = 3960Å



Final FT = 5000Å



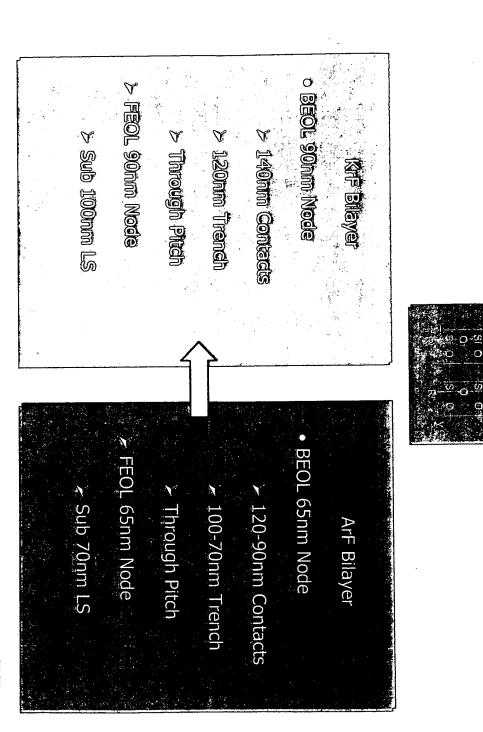
Final FT = 3100-3500Å

- Data is promising for via-fill capability at sub 130nm geometries
- No void issues for pitch values of 340nm to 1840nm
- No void issues for feature sizes of 140nm to 670nm



Bilayer Resists for the 90nm and 65nm Nodes









Krf Bilayer Resists for the 90nm Node

Lithographic Performance





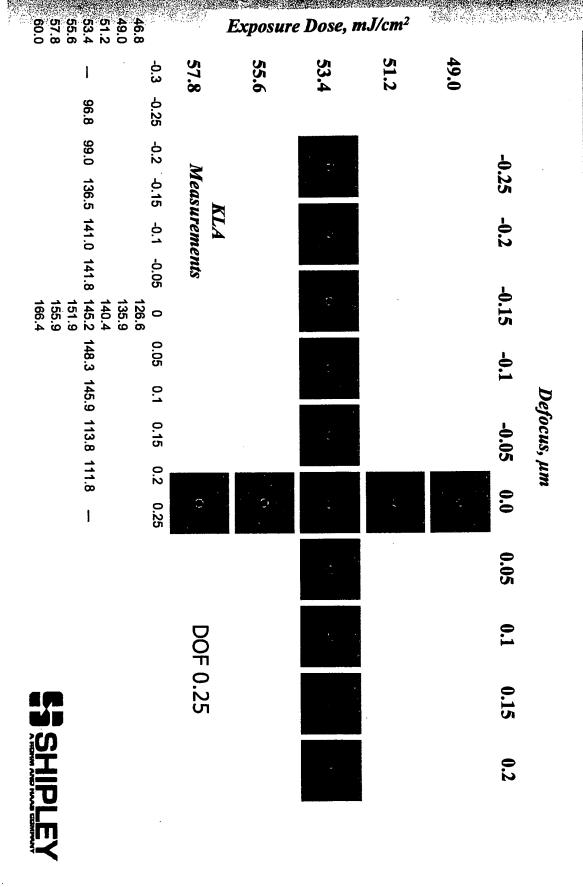
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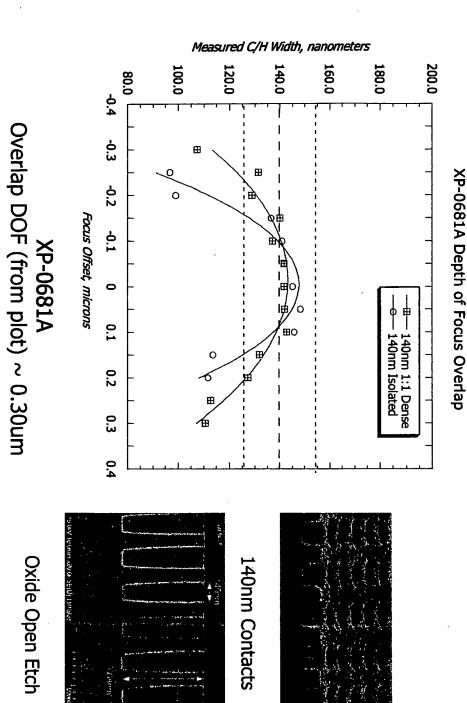
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KrF Bilayer: XP-0681A using 6% attenuated PSM, 0.80NA, 0.75s Conventional, DOF Overlap 140nm Contact





Oxide Open Etch



KrF Bilayer: 1400Å, SR2400 / 5100Å, AR2450 0.8NA, Annular 0.55i/0.85o, Binary, 110nm 1:1 Trench

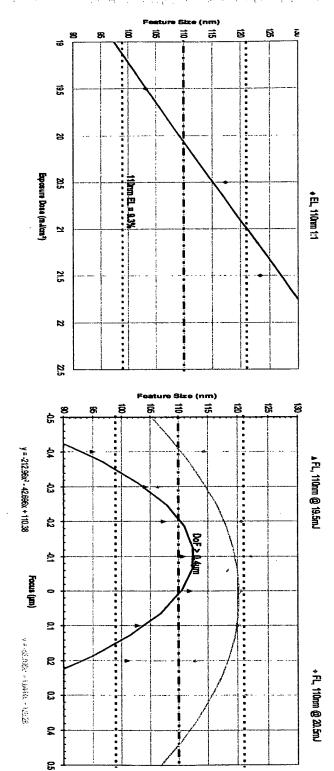


110nm 1:1 Trench

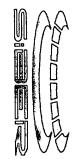


Exposure Latitude = 9.3%

DOF > 0.40um







Exposure: ASML /700

110nm 1:1 L/S

Bottom Layer: 5100 Å Top Layer: 1500 Å

Post Underlayer Etch

Exposure: **ASML /800**

85nm 1:1 L/S

Customer: "Best etch of any bilayer system evaluated" Top to Bottom Etch Selectivity 12:1





ArF Bilayer Resists for the 65nm Node

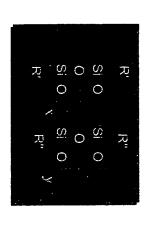
Design and Lithographic Performance



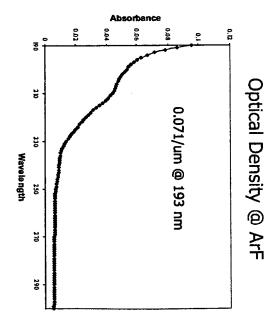
ArF Bilayer Photoresists – SR™19xx

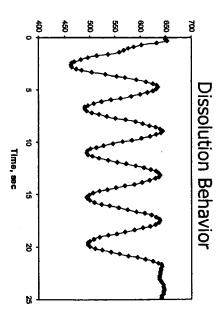


Silsesquioxane (SSQ)



- Use SSQ backbone chemistry
- Incorporation of high Si content
- No Outgassing of Si species
- Pendent R Groups
- Transparent at 193 nm
- Dissolution Enhancing
- Contrast Enhancing







ArF Bilayer Photoresists - Dissolution Contrast



- Dissolution Contrast: Ultra Thin ArF Bilayer Resist (1000 Å)
- Controlled by polymer

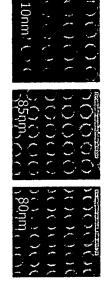
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> Example: high contrast ArF bilayer resist for contact applications

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XP-1646

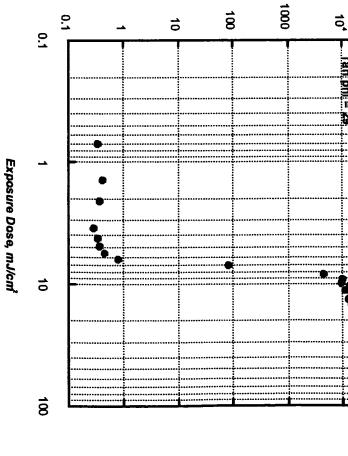
Super Dense Contacts



130@240 115@200 120@200

1:1 Contacts

Dissolution Rate, A/s





110nm



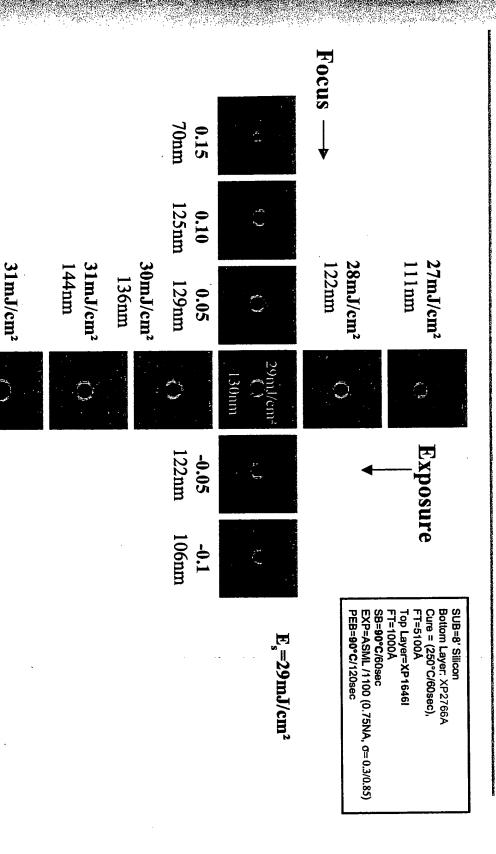
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	-0.1 -0.15 23nm 115nm)000 6000)000 6000	$E_s=27 mJ/cm^2$	FT=5100A Top Layer=XP1646I FT=1000A SB=90°C/60sec EXP=ASML /1100 (0.75NA, σ=0.3/0.85) PEB=90°C/120sec	SUB=8' Silicon Bottom Layer: XP2766A Cure = (250°C/80sec)
SHIPLEY	-0.2 95nm		cm²	5NA, o= 0.3/0.85)	



ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A, using 6% attenuated PSM, 0.75NA Isolated 130nm C/H (10nm bias)

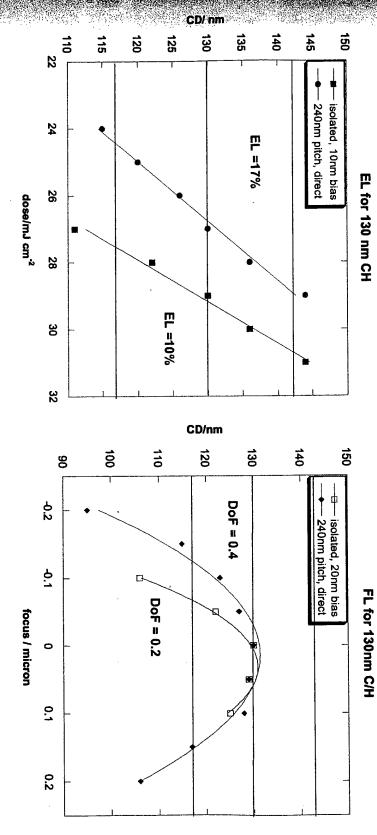




156nm

130nm C/H Super Dense and Isolated

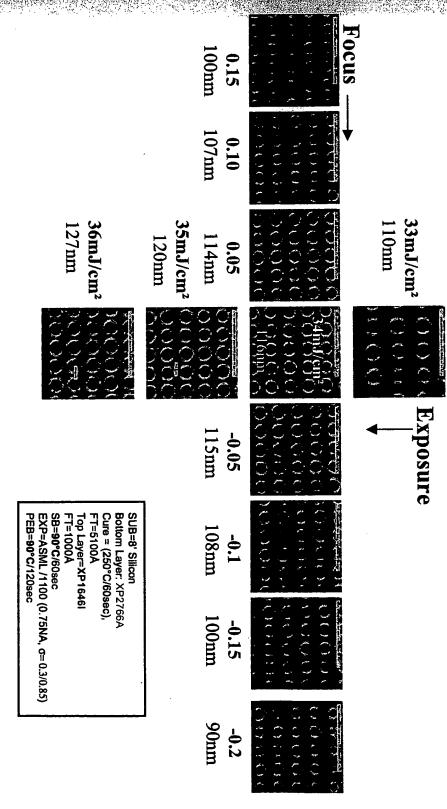






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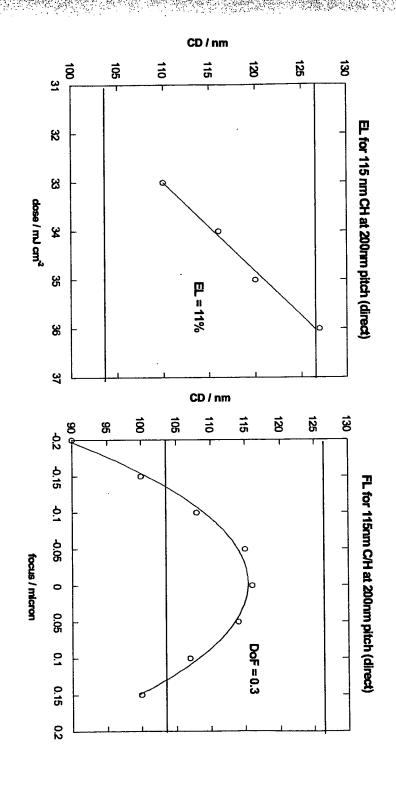
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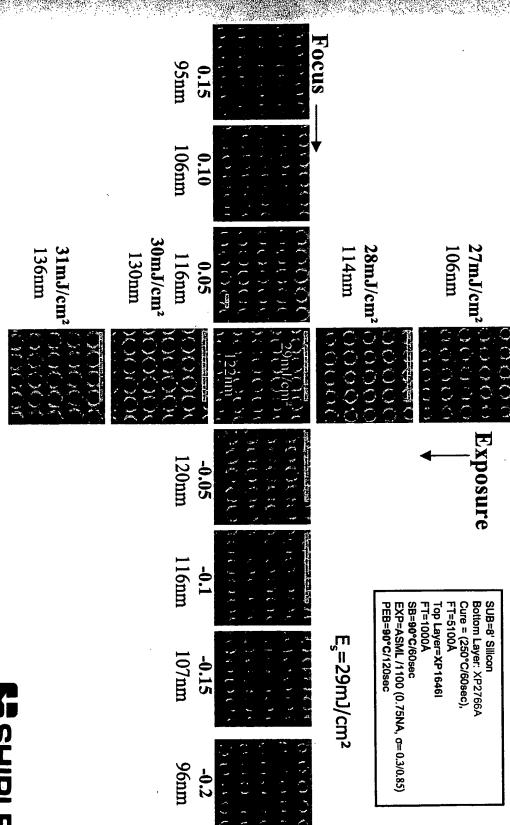
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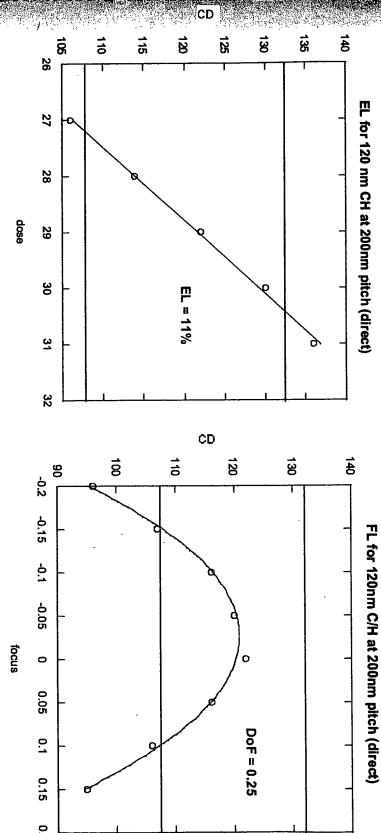








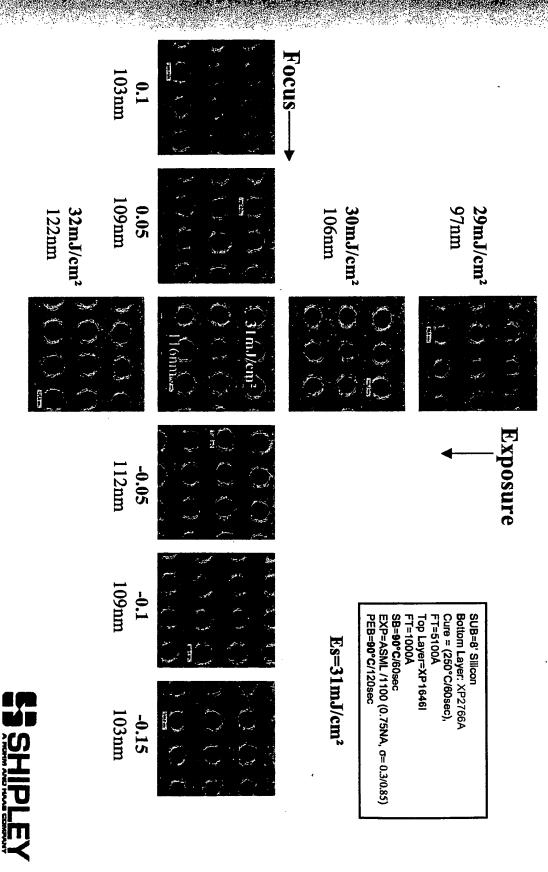






110nm C/H at 220nm pitch (10nm bias)

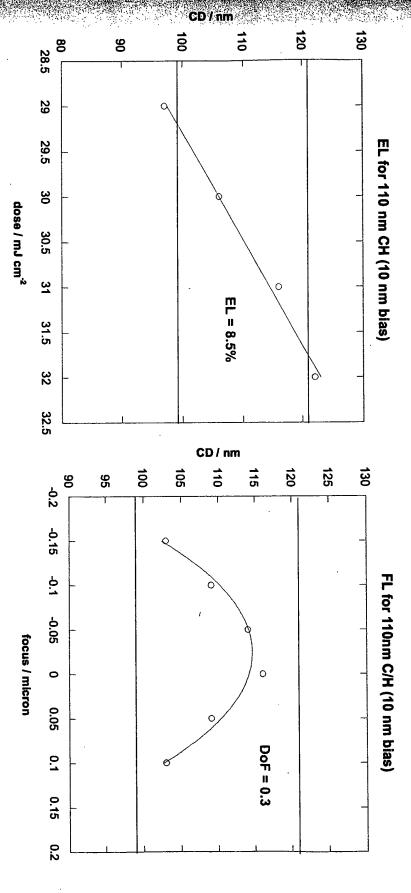






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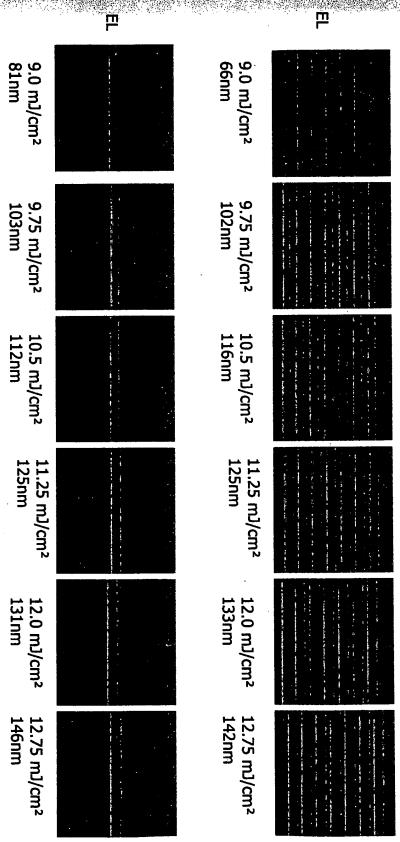




ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A (90°C / 90°C SB/PEB) 120nm at 240 Pitch and Isolated Trench (ASML /1100 Binary)



120nm dense trench on the mask

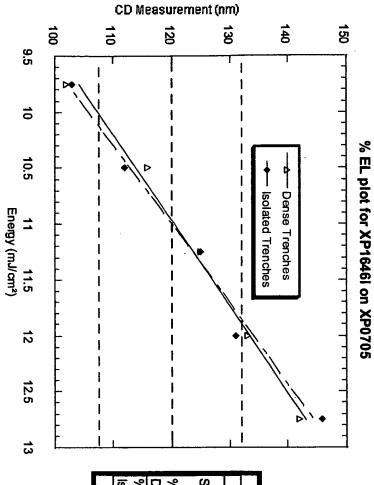


120nm Isolated: 140nm on the Mask/20nm bias



ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A (90°C / 90°C SB/PEB) 120nm at 240 Pitch and 120nm (20nm bias) Isolated Trench



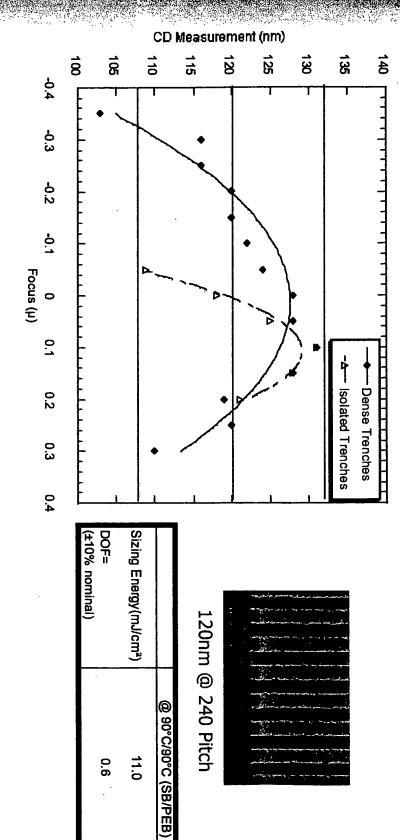


nominal)	Isolated Trenches (±10% nominal)
15.4	% Exposure Latitude
ominal)	Dense Trenches(±10% nominal)
16.9	% Exposure Latitude
11.0	Sizing Energy(mJ/cm²)
@ 90°C/90°C (SB/PEB)	
XP1646i on XP0705	



ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A (ASML/1100 Binary) 120nm at 240 Pitch

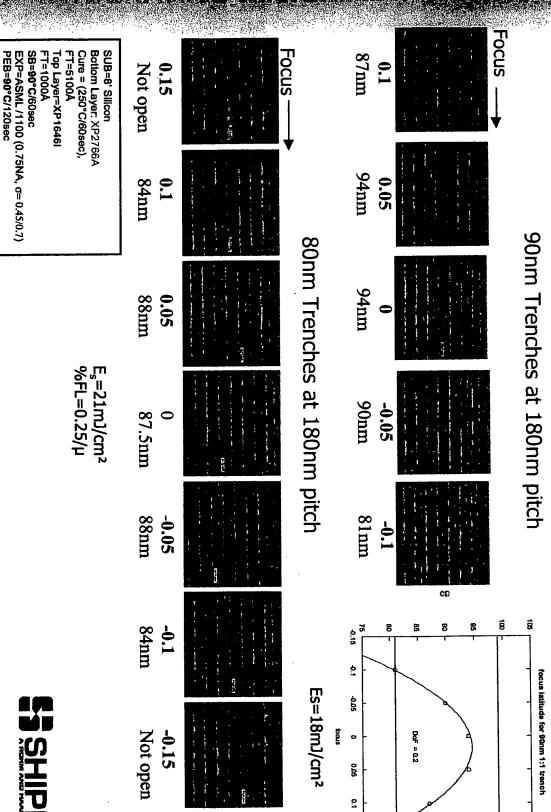






Sub 100nm Trenches (ASML /1100 Binary) ArF Bilayer: XP1646I on XP2766A

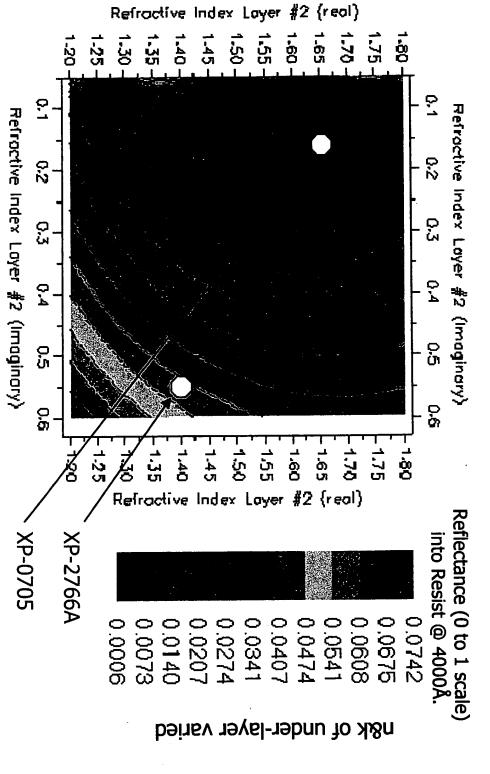




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Reflectance into Resist (%)

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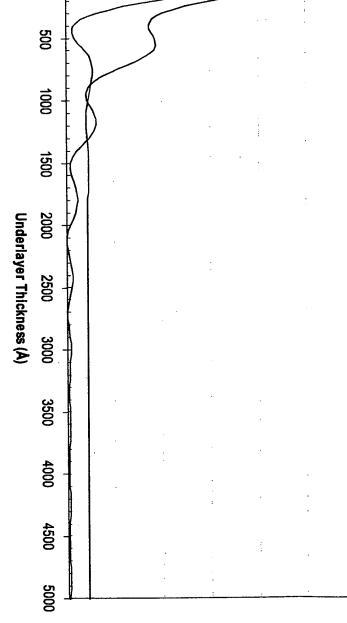
ArF Bi-layer: Underlayer Optimization XP-1646 / 4000Å Underlayer / Si

Simulation for XP-1646 / Underlayer/ Si 193nm, 0.75NA, Annular 0.4i / 0.8o

___ n=1.66, k=0.16 XP-0705

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--- n=1.4,k=0.55 (XP-2766A)





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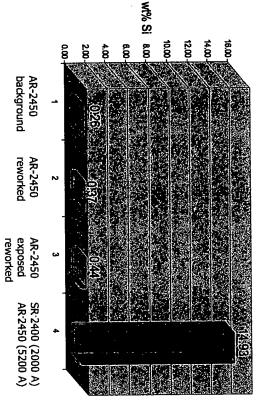


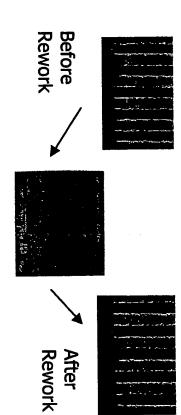
Rework Process:

- KrF and ArF Top Layer Rework
- Soluble in Standard Resist Solvent
- Soluble in Standard EBR Solvents

Top Layer Rework SR2400

ESCA Si Surface Analysis





Reworked AR™2450





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- State of the Art Krf SSQ Billayer Platform

 Highest Si Content of Any Commercial Billayer System

 Excellent etch resistance & Thin film imaging capability

 No Outgassing of Si species (Si in the polymer backbone)
- Already Demonstrated Production Worthy by other IC manufacturers
- Demonstraited Control of LER, Iso-Dense Bias etc
- Commercial Products Available for BEOL and FEOL Applications
- Shipley Krf Bilayer Resist technology is capable of resolving 1,00mm features: L//S and Trenches
- Patitern Fidelity is retained through etch patitern transfer step —
 Allowing for high aspect ratio features at 1.00nm's and below





- Performance Summary: Sub 100nm Lithography Demonstrated

- L/S 90 nm 1:1 (0.75 NA, ASML/1100)
 Trench 90 nm 1:1 (0.75 NA, ASML/1100)
 C/H 95 nm 1:1 (0.75 NA, ASML/1100)
 C/H Super Dense 120/200 (0.75 NA, ASML/1100)
- Platform:
- Tunable dissolution behavior
- High Si Content > 10%
- No Outgassing of Si
- **ArF Bilayer Resists**
- UTR Silicon Resist Developed 1000A
- Bright-field and Dark-field being developed
- Bottom Layer Developed, XP0705 and XP2766A

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